

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A functional surface member comprising a support having a surface on which a graft polymer chain having a nonionic polar group in the side chain thereof is bonded and provided thereon a layer comprising adsorbed fine particles capable of polarly bonding to the polar group,

wherein the nonionic polar group is a heteroaromatic group having a nitrogen atom or a sulfur atom.

2. (currently amended): The functional surface member according to claim 1, wherein the fine particles capable of polarly bonding to the polar group ~~is~~are fine metal particles.

3. (new): The functional surface member according to claim 1, wherein the heteroaromatic group is at least one group selected from the group consisting of a pyridine group, a quinoline group, a thiophene group and a benzothiophene group.

4. (new): The functional surface member according to claim 1, wherein the heteroaromatic group is a pyridine group.